

TEACHER ON TRIAL FOR THEFTS

Student Aide Goes on Stand

An ex-Torrance High student testified Friday that he received \$40 and an "A" in a science class by helping a teacher steal a hi-fi set from the school cafeteria.

John Zamrta, 19, of 2626 Cabrillo Ave., testifying at the trial of Robert E. Prowell, former Torrance High School teacher, said he took the hi-fi set from the cafeteria and put it in Prowell's car during school hours.

"Mr. Prowell said he would make it worth my while—that my grades were down and I had missed classes," the former student stated.

Under direct questioning by Dep. Dist. Atty. Jack Kirschke, Zamrta testified that Prowell gave him an "A" and \$40.

Teacher Implicated

Zamrta also told a jury in Superior Judge Ralph K. Pierson's court that he stole four adding machines and calculators from the school, handing them through a window to Prowell.

James G. Sibert, assistant to the director of personnel for the Torrance Unified School District, testified that Prowell admitted his guilt to him following his arrest.

Stating that he had talked to Prowell at the Torrance jail on the morning of Feb. 22, Sibert said he asked the teacher why he did such things.

"He said he must have been sick and that he wanted to see a doctor," Sibert reported.

Signed Resignation

Sibert said Prowell then signed a prepared resignation stating he wished to quit his school job "for personal reasons."

Testimony that the former Torrance teacher removed office furniture and a tape recorder from a Long Beach office opened the trial Thursday. Zamrta testified on the first day that he had helped Prowell take two chairs, a desk, two filing cabinets, and a desk pen set from a Long Beach office on Sept. 10.

The former student also told the jury that he was with Prowell when the teacher took a tape recorder several months previously.

Officer Testifies

Long Beach Det. Insp. Pat Paris, who arrested Prowell on a charge of burglarizing the Long Beach office, said the suspect admitted taking the furniture.

Paris testified that he saw the furniture in Prowell's apartment at 2800 Chestnut Ave. in Long Beach Feb. 24.

Spiraling Costs Finally Reach Library Patrons

Rising costs have finally hit the library.

Those forgetful folks who can't seem to remember to get books back on the due date are going to get nicked another penny per day.

Beginning July 1, fines charged on overdue books borrowed from the Torrance Library, will be three cents a day, instead of the two cents they have always been since way back in 1912.

In announcing the fine increase, Mrs. Elton Terry, the county library's chief regional librarian, declared the library can no longer afford a policy so out of keeping with the increased cost of all other services and commodities.

Two Women Jailed Here For Burglary

Two Torrance women were jailed on charges of burglary and theft Friday and one of the two was also charged with possession of narcotics.

Nell Corey, 36, of 3630 W. 172nd St., and Florence Lancaster, 36, of 3239 W. 166th St., were apprehended by police in a local market at 17500 Crenshaw Blvd.

The two were spotted by special officers and market officials and held for police who discovered both had put steaks in their purses without paying for them, according to reports.

A later search netted a box of pills in Nell Corey's purse, police said. The pills were believed to be benzedrine.

Garage Entered

Burglars broke into a garage at the residence of Mrs. Charles Tuttle, 2815 Danaha St., Friday and smeared grease on the car, police reported.

North High Students Given Special Service Certificates

North High School honored 23 students at an assembly recently.

Each student received a special service award certificate commending him for outstanding service and citizenship in the school year. The purpose of the award is to give recognition to students who have not previously been honored for their accomplishments.

Those receiving awards were Carole Atkins, working with the pep squad; Terry Baker, work in the art department; Mike Bartelt, work on junior class activities; Hilton Beiro, work for KNHS (radio station); Lynn D'Aloia, work for the sophomore council.

Candy Stripper

Others are Peggy Gutsch, service to the sophomore council; David Hoffman, work in Candy Stripper program; Don Hollister, service on KNHS; Marilyn Jordan, work for the art department; Judy Levring, service in many school activities; Jeff Lindsey, work for the art department; Gary Mowry, work for the art department.

Crowd Expected At Dairy Probe

Officials expect the city council chambers to be jam-packed by 8 p.m. Tuesday when public hearings on an ordinance which would outlaw dairies in Torrance will open. The proposed ordinance, which already has stirred up a large amount of interest, would prohibit the maintenance of dairies, cow stables, cows and livestock within the city on or after Jan. 1, 1959.

Sentence for Desperado on Court Agenda

Bart J. Blackburn, 22, one of the two men who held a Torrance family captive for 24 hours after escaping from San Louis Obispo jail, will be sentenced July 2 on two counts of armed robbery.

The desperado admitted the charges in South Bay Municipal Court May 26 and Judge Otto Willet at that time dismissed two kidnapping counts and one each of grand theft and auto theft.

The robbery charges stem from the kidnapping incident. Blackburn and Ronnie D. Rhonemus, 20, were charged with robbing Mrs. Lola Garret and her son, Thomas, 21, of 861 after keeping them and 15-year-old Mary Garrett prisoners in their home at 1664 W. 205th St., Feb. 24.

Blackburn was brought here from state prison, where he is serving five years to life for a narcotics holdup. He and Rhonemus were awaiting trial for that offense when they broke out of the San Louis Obispo Jail.

Blackburn was arrested in Oakland Feb. 24 after a series of holdups and auto thefts.

Zone Change Turned Down By Planners

Torrance planning commission has turned thumbs down on a proposal to zone industrial acreage here for apartment-house use.

The planners recommended the city council deny the application of Bjorlund and Smith for multiple-family use of property south of Sepulveda Blvd., and west of Crenshaw Blvd.

The zone change has been widely criticized with opposition expressed by the Chamber of Commerce board of directors and Planning Commission President Bert Lynn.

The motion for denial was opposed by Commissioners Thurvin Fleetwood, William King and John Mulvihill.

In another controversy the Commission requested City Atty. Stanley Remelmeyer to check the legality of helicopter testing in the southeast section of the city.

The check was ordered after (Continued on Page 2)

As of noon Friday, the city manager's office reported that approvals on the proposed ordinance passed the 400 mark while protests were in the thousands. One petition had 2614 signatures, and 3718 postal cards protesting the suggested law have been received. While most of the mail on the matter came from Torrance, nearly 1400 cards bore signatures of residents of 39 cities in California, it was reported.

Civic Group Approves

One of the strong backers of the proposed dairy ouster is the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn. In a letter signed by President John G. L. Crain, the association urged adoption of the ordinance. Stating that the proposal had been studied by the group's safety, health and welfare committee, Crain said it was the opinion of the committee that "the continuance of the operation of dairies in such close proximity of our residents presents a serious health menace."

On the other hand, Rev. Leonard L. Pisel, pastor of the El Nido Baptist Church, wrote to the council stating that he thought removal of the dairies would seem like "a serious, dangerous thing in that the health of our community depends a great deal upon our fresh milk supply."

Fear Price Hike

The petition to the council signed by 2614 persons stated that outlawing of the dairies here would eliminate "a supply of fresh, high-quality milk, cause the loss of many jobs, reduce the tax rolls, dislocate the businesses, and raise the price of milk automatically by 10 to 15 cents per gallon."

The city now has 11 dairy farms, and have been operating as a non-conforming use since June 27, 1940, according to the proposed ordinance.

If approved, the ordinance would prohibit the increase or replacement of any herd in Torrance after July 1, and dairymen would have until Jan. 1, 1960 to remove herds from the city.

Other Items

Other items on the council's agenda for Tuesday include a hearing on a petition to operate a car wash at 164th and Crenshaw, a request of the Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce for regulations pertaining to fire, bankrupt "Out of Business" sales.



PLANNING TRIP . . . Young drivers will cover a large chunk of California June 23-25 when the fifth annual Youth Safety Run, unique in the nation, is sponsored by the Los Angeles County Police Advisory Council for Car Clubs. Shown checking the 853-mile route from Pomona to Yosemite and return, which 32 stock 1958 automobiles will traverse with President Ira Mc Kay of San Marino PD, are Officers Al Jackson, Torrance PD (seated left); (standing l to r) Sam Piazza, Torrance; Bob Thomas, Lynwood and Bob Aughton, Long Beach, Police Departments.

Thomas Wins Re-election; King, DiMiceli in Runoff

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas took both ends of the primary ballot here Tuesday to win re-election as the representative of the 68th Assembly District, final tabulation of ballots showed Friday.

At the same time, tabulation of the 17th Congressional District balloting showed that Attorney Leonard DiMiceli of San Pedro won the Republican nomination against Democrat Cecil King, and the two will square off in the general election in November.

Thomas was re-elected on an over-all majority of more than 34,000 votes, but won the Republican nomination by only 274 votes over Tom Brewer of Torrance.

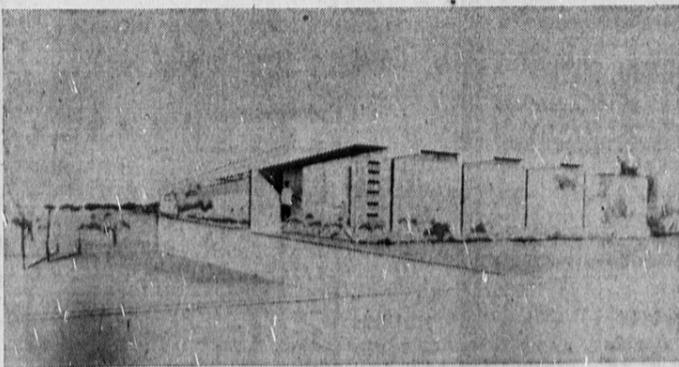
Complete but unofficial returns announced Friday by the county Registrar of Voters:

Congress (1141 of 1141 Precincts)	
DEMOCRAT:	
King	97,204
DiMiceli	4,598
REPUBLICAN:	
King	25,016
DiMiceli	31,863
Assembly (360 of 360 Precincts)	
DEMOCRAT:	
Thomas	35,262
Brewer	1,195
REPUBLICAN:	
Thomas	6,758
Brewer	6,482



VINCENT THOMAS Wins Re-election

Plans for Medical Center Announced



PROPOSED CENTER . . . An architect's sketch shows exterior details of one unit of a proposed medical center to be constructed adjacent to Riviera Hospital. Construction is scheduled to start late this summer on the \$500,000 project.

Construction on the first unit of a \$500,000 medical-dental center will be started this summer across the street from the Riviera Hospital, it was announced here yesterday by Leo E. Jennings, designer and developer of the project.

The modern buildings with facilities for 30 tenants will be designed to incorporate the latest in medical facilities and techniques. Ample off-street parking is being provided at the site, and plans include space for a pharmacy, x-ray facilities, and a clinical laboratory in addition to the medical and dental offices, Jennings said.

Detailed plans for the development are being completed by the architect, he said. (Continued on Page 2)

Like most other California Republicans, DiMiceli has a large vote to pick up if he hopes to overcome his Democratic opponent in the November balloting.

Congressman King, who has represented the 17th Congressional District since the early war years, piled up a popular majority of nearly 99,000 votes over his Republican opponent.

Happy with his victory at the polls Tuesday, Assemblyman Thomas yesterday expressed his thanks to those who supported him in his campaign.

"I will continue to do all I can for the betterment of Torrance," he said. "The first thing on my agenda is to make inquiries about the request for establishment of a four-year state college in Torrance," he added.

Proposal for such a college was advanced recently by Councilman Nick Drale.

Two Hurt in Car Accident

Two women received minor injuries in an accident Friday at Torrance Blvd. and Anza Ave.

Patricia Barbara Barrett, 28, of Redondo Beach, and Edgar Serin, 46, of Santa Monica were the two drivers.

The woman driver and a passenger in her car, Marie Hoobler, 48, of Redondo Beach, were taken to private physicians following the collision.

A Penny for your Thoughts

Almost everyone has a favorite saying or proverb which guides them through life.

The HERALD's reporter was curious to discover what were the favorite guiding words most liked and used by Torrance residents.

Here is their answers to the question "What is your favorite proverb?"

Beverly Babb, 20924 LaSalle Ave., student:

"My favorite saying is: 'These are the times that try men's souls.' I think it is very appropriate at this time when the world is in such an unsettled condition."

Judy Gillmartin, 21409 Palos Verdes Blvd., stenographer:

"My favorite quotation is one of the Ten Commandments . . . the one that goes 'I am the Lord thy God, and thou shalt have no other Gods before me.' This is the proverb that I like the most."

Mrs. Anita Berren, of Inglewood, businesswoman:

"I like the Golden Rule best. 'Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.' If everyone lived by this rule it would make it a good country. The Golden Rule is a good guide to living."

C. D. Kette, 2333 W. 254th St., contractor:

"My favorite is the 103rd Psalm. 'Know ye that the Lord he is God. It is he who has made us and not we ourselves. We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.' This is the rule I try to live by."

Hank Croskey, 507 Via del Monte, Palos Verdes, trafficman:

"Back in 1926, when I went to work for the railroad, my boss told me this saying: 'It all depends upon whose ox is being gored.' It's always been my favorite proverb ever since."

Ed Marlow, 1913 Cabrillo Ave., machinist:

"I think the Golden Rule is my favorite. If everyone would 'Do unto others as you would have others do unto you' we'd have a better world in which to live. This is a good proverb for everyone to live by."